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Application No.: 10/765,149) Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: January 28, 2004)
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For: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD)
FOR MONITORING A VASCULAR)
ACCESS OF A PATIENT)
SUBJECTED TO AN)
EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD)
TREATMENT)

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Sir:

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This Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in addition to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 20, 2004, and the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 20, 2004. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document on the attached Form SB-08. To the knowledge of the undersigned, this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed non-patent literature document is attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making an appropriate notation on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited document do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

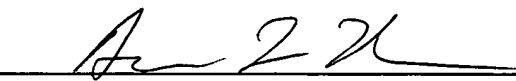
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If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

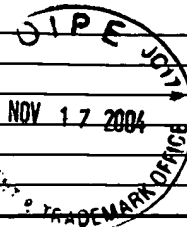
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